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Stated Meeting, May 4, 1894.

Mr. INGHAM in the Chair.

Minutes of preceding meeting read.

Letters of envoy were received from the Survey of India Department, Calcutta; K. Sächsische Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften, Leipzig, Saxony; Faculté des Sciences, Marseilles, France; Mrs. Carvill Lewis, London, Eng.

Letters of acknowledgment were received from the Royal Society of New South Wales, Sydney (142); Imperial Academy of Sciences, Physical Central Observatory, Russian Chemical Society, Library of the Ministry of Marine, Prof. Serge Nikitin, St. Petersburg, Russia (142); K. Vetenskaps Akademiens Bibleotek, Statistika Central Byrån, Stockholm, Sweden (142); Maatschappij van Nederlandsche Letterkunde, Leiden, Z. Holland (142); Bibliotheque R. de Belgique, Bruxelles (140, 141); Redaction der *Naturwissenschaftlichen Wochenschrift*, Berlin, Prussia (141); R. Accademia dei Lincei, Rome, Italy (142); Bibliothèque Universitaire, Lyon, France (130–135); Mercantile Library, Philadelphia (135); Mr. Everard F. im Thurn, Georgetown, British Guiana (141).

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A. Muhlenberg, Reading, Pa.; Rev. G. W. Anderson, Rosemont, Pa.; Dr. W. H. Appleton, Swarthmore, Pa.; Dr. John Curwen, Warren, Pa.; Mr. Philip P. Sharples, West Chester, Pa.; Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, Wilkesbarre, Pa.; Maryland Institute for the Promotion of the Mechanic Arts, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Md.; Journal of the U. S. Artillery, Fortress Monroe, Va.; Mr. Jedediah Hotchkiss, Staunton, Va.; Leander McCormick Observatory, Library of the University of Virginia, Prof. J. W. Mallet, University of Virginia; Agricultural Experiment Station, Experiment, Ga.; Georgia Historical Society, Savannah; Michigan State Library, Lansing; Athenæum, Columbus, Tenn.; Dr. Robert Peter, Lexington, Ky.; Prof. E. W. Claypole, Akron, O.; University of Cincinnati, Society of Natural History, Cincinnati Observatory, Cincinnati, O.; Oberlin College, Oberlin, O.; Purdue Experiment Station, La Fayette, Ind.; Prof. G. W. Hough, Evanston, Ill.; State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Academy of Science, Arts and Letters, Madison.

Accessions to the Library were reported from Prof. N. A. Cobb, Sydney, Australia; Great Trigonometrical Survey of India, Dehra-Dun; Etat Independant du Congo, Brussels, Belgium; Musée Naturelle de Hongrie, Budapest; K. Akademie der Wissenschaften, Vienna, Austria; Gesellschaft für Anthropologie, Ethnologie und Urgeschichte, Berlin, Prussia; Naturwissenschaftliche Verein, Bremen, Germany; Schlesische Botanische Tausch-Verein, Breslau, Prussia; Prof. August Tischner, Leipzig, Saxony; Geographische Gesellschaft, Bern, Switzerland; Société Vaudoise des Sciences Naturelles, Lausanne, Switzerland; Société Francaise de Physique, Paris, France; Mrs. Carvill Lewis, London, Eng.; Geological Society, Glasgow, Scotland; Canadian Institute, Toronto, Canada; American Statistical Association, Prof. Alexander Macfarlane, Boston, Mass.; Prof. C. L. Doolittle, Salem, Mass.; Agricultural Experiment Station, Newark, N. J.; Academy of Natural Sciences, Mercantile Library, Mr. Frederick Prime, Philadelphia; Office of the Chief of Engineers, U. S. Department

of Agriculture, Anthropological Society, U. S. Fish Commission, Census Office, Washington, D. C.; Lick Observatory, Mt. Hamilton, Cal.; Iowa Masonic Library, Cedar Rapids; Geological Survey, Des Moines, Ia.; Deutsche Wissenschaftliche Verein, Santiago de Chile; Sociedad de Ingenieros, Puebla, Mex.

Mr. Henry Carey Baird, in the following letter, presented to the Society, on behalf of the contributors, a handsome portrait of George Ord, a former Vice-President of the Society:

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY:

Mr. President:—The pleasant duty has devolved on me, on behalf of a number of members of the Society, subscribers, of presenting to the Society a portrait of the late George Ord.

This portrait has been copied by Mr. T. Henry Smith from the original by John Nagle, painted in 1829, the property of the Academy of Natural Sciences, to the courtesy of the officers of which institution we are indebted for permission to make this copy.

Mr. Ord was an eminent Philadelphian, having been born here in 1781, and died here January 24, 1866. He was elected a member of this Society October 17, 1817, was Secretary 1820–1827 and also in 1829, Vice-President 1832–1835, Librarian 1842–1848, Treasurer 1842–1847, Councilor 1836. From 1851 to 1858 he was President of the Academy of Natural Sciences. He was also a fellow of the Linnean Society of London.

He was an intimate friend of the naturalist Alexander Wilson, and was his companion in many of his ornithological expeditions. After Wilson's death, in 1813, Mr. Ord completed the eighth volume of Wilson's *Ornithology* (Philadelphia, 1814). In 1825 he prepared a new edition of the last three volumes, and in 1828 published his *Life of Wilson*. In 1834 he wrote the *Memoirs of Thomas Say*, and in 1849 a *Memoir of Charles A. Lesueur*. While his special department was that of natural history and especially ornithology, his labors as a lexicographer were important, having aided in editing Johnson's Dictionary, and having contributed valuable matter to the dictionary of Noah Webster.

It seems eminently fitting that a portrait of this distinguished member of the Society should adorn the walls of its hall, and it is hoped that this faithful reproduction of Nagle's admirable picture may be thought worthy of the subject.

PHILADELPHIA, May 4, 1894. HENRY CAREY BAIRD.

The letter was ordered spread on the minutes with the list of donors.

Dr. Morris moved a vote of thanks to the donors, which was adopted.

Committees on "Membership" and the "Memorial Dinner" reported progress.

A letter was received from Mr. Ben. D. Peter, Lexington, Ky., announcing the death of his father, Dr. Robert Peter, April 26, 1894, æt. 89.

Obituary notice of George de Benneville Keim was read by Dr. Brinton.

Mr. Bache read his views on "The Dynamics of Boxing."

Nomination No. 1273 was read.

Mr. Prime moved and Dr. Brinton seconded the following resolution:

Resolved, That J. Sergeant Price, the Treasurer of the American Philosophical Society, is hereby authorized and directed to cast the vote to which the corporation is entitled as a policy holder and contributor of "The Philadelphia Contributionship for the Insurance of Houses from Loss by Fire," at any election for Directors and Treasurer of the corporation last named, to serve for the year ending the second Monday of April, 1895, and to vote on any questions that may arise at the meeting at which the said election is held.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

And the Society was adjourned by the presiding member.

Stated Meeting, May 18, 1894.

President FRALEY in the Chair.

Col. Henry DuPont, a newly elected member, was presented to the Chair, and took his seat.

Minutes of meeting May 4th read.

Correspondence was submitted as follows:

Letters of envoy were received from the Institut Egyptien, Cairo; Geological Survey of India, Calcutta; K. K. Astronomisch-meteorologische Observatorium, Triest, Austria; Université de Lyon, Lyon, France; Royal Statistical Society,